



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for Orders including the following:

1. A Monetary Order for unpaid rent - Section 67;
2. An Order to retain the security deposit - Section 38; and
3. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application - Section 72.

The Tenant did not appear at the Hearing. The Landlord stated that the application for dispute resolution and the notice of Hearing were served on the Tenant by registered mail however the Landlord was unable to provide the tracking number for this mail. It is also noted that no evidence was provided by the Landlord, such as a tenancy agreement, notice to end tenancy, utility bills or demand letters. The Landlord states that with the exception of the registered mail evidence the remaining documents were provided to the RTB by fax.

The Act provides the following requirements for service of the Application

89 (1) An application for dispute resolution or a decision of the director to proceed with a review under Division 2 of Part 5, when required to be given to one party by another, must be given in one of the following ways:

- (a) by leaving a copy with the person;
- (b) if the person is a landlord, by leaving a copy with an agent of the landlord;
- (c) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, if the person is a landlord, to the address at which the person carries on business as a landlord;

(d) if the person is a tenant, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the tenant;

(e) as ordered by the director under section 71 (1) [*director's orders: delivery and service of documents*].

Given the lack of evidence in relation to the service of the application and notice of hearing, I cannot find that service has been accomplished in accordance with Section 89 of the Act and I therefore dismiss the application with leave to reapply. Leave to re-apply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: May 05, 2014

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